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In re Appln. of: Renato B. Slave, et al.

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ASSEMBLY FOR AUTOMOTIVE  
VEHICLES

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants cite the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

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2,828,721	04/01/58	Folkerts
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6,283,244	09/04/01	Ballester
6,439,337	08/27/02	Ballester

Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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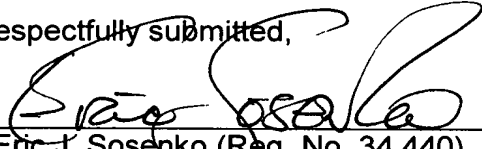
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Respectfully submitted,

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